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Senate

The Senate met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHUCK GRASSLEY, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Gracious Father, we are irresistibly drawn into Your presence by the magnetism of Your love. You know all about us and offer forgiveness. You know our needs and grant us Your strength. You know our responsibilities and assure us of Your intervening help. You know the decisions that we must make this week and remind us that if we will seek Your guidance You will show us the way. Jog our memories about Your faithfulness in the past so that we may trust You with our present concerns.

As we begin this new week, give us a renewed vision of our high calling to serve You in government. May all that we do be done for Your glory. Lift us to the sublime level of excellence that is achieved only when we seek to please You above all else. May our work be an expression of our worship of You. Therefore, we will attempt great things for You and know that we will receive great power from You. In our Lord's name. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, March 18, 1996.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHUCK GRASSLEY, a

Senator from the State of Iowa, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BROWN). The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, for the information of our colleagues, today there will be a period for morning business until the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

Following morning business, the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 3019, which is the omnibus appropriations bill. No rollcall votes will occur during today's session of the Senate. Senators are expected, however, to debate their amendments today, with any requested rollcall votes on those amendments to begin at 2:15 p.m. on Tuesday. Senators should expect a lengthy series of rollcall votes beginning at 2:15, and the Senate will complete action on the omnibus appropriations bill on Tuesday.

Also during tomorrow's session, the Senate will vote on passage of S. 942, the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act, a cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the Whitewater Committee resolution, as well as a cloture vote on the product liability conference report.

So we need to complete our debate on the amendments to the omnibus appropriations bill today, and then we will have a series of recorded votes on Tuesday beginning at 2:15.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, there will now be a period for the transaction of morning business for a period not to exceed the hour of 12 noon, with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

The Senator from Vermont is recognized.

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I see the distinguished acting Republican leader on the floor. I ask unanimous consent I be allowed to proceed for 10 minutes in morning business.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BANNING ANTIPERSONNEL LANDMINES

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I have some photographs here that have become all too familiar to the Senate. This is a photograph of a young boy, a victim of a landmine. You can see from the photograph, he has one badly injured leg, another leg that has been torn off, and an arm that is also missing. These are similar to photographs I have on my Web page in my office on the Internet. Thousands of people turn to that Web page, and what they see there are these photographs of landmine victims.

Here is one that they turn to, this young woman. I have had somebody tell me that as the picture comes down on the computer screen, the page ends at the bottom of her long skirt. Then they click on further and the picture

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